Abstract

The invention concerns a voltage-controlled oscillator with an LC-resonant circuit, in particular for implementing integrated voltage-controlled oscillators for the lower GHz range.

The object of the invention is to propose a voltage-controlled oscillator with an LC-resonant circuit with which it is possible to achieve continuous frequency tunability in a wide range in particular with a low level of phase noise and phase jitter.

In accordance with the invention that object is attained in that, in a voltage-controlled oscillator with an LC-resonant circuit there can be periodically switched in parallel and/or in series with at least one inductor a further inductor by way of a switching means actuated with the oscillator frequency and that a control input of the switching means is connected to a variable dc voltage. In that respect the relationship of the duration of the conducting state and the duration of the non-conducting state of the switching means is variable within an oscillation period of the oscillator in dependence on the value of the conducting state and the duration of the non-conducting state of the switching means within an oscillation period of the oscillator the time-averaged effective inductance is variable in dependence on the value of the control voltage.